

WORKING FOR RURAL NEW YORK

From Windsor to Sandy Creek, rural New York is made up of hardworking men and women who know how to solve problems and get things done. Too often, however, our rural communities are left behind by a broken system that puts politics over solutions. From lack of broadband access to skyrocketing health care costs, it's time to finally address the real challenges rural New Yorkers face. In Congress and on the House Agriculture Committee, Congressman Brindisi is committed to fighting for the needs of the hardworking people in New York's 22nd district.

FIGHTING FOR LOCAL FARMERS AND PRODUCERS

From dairy farmers to apple producers, agriculture is a huge driver of our economy, supporting nearly 7,000 jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars in economic activity. Congressman Brindisi established an Agriculture Advisory Council to hear directly from Upstate New York farmers and ensure they have the support they need to get a fair price for their goods, succeed financially, and make an honest living. Congressman Brindisi is working to ensure farmers can better market their products both at home and around the world. He co-sponsored legislation to bring more whole milk options to school lunchrooms and is fighting to ensure agriculture partners are included in trade negotiations.

CONNECTING RURAL NEW YORK

Broadband internet connects students, entrepreneurs, doctors, and everyday people with vital information, resources, and services. 80% of Americans without high-speed broadband live in rural communities. Crawling internet speeds are not just inconveniences; it can hurt people's way of life. That's why Congressman Brindisi is a co-sponsor of legislation to improve the federal government's management of broadband resources. Congressman Brindisi's first bill, the Transparency for Cable Consumers Act, aims to provide better oversight of cable and internet providers and hold companies accountable that are fined by a state Public Service Commission. Congressman Brindisi is urging House leadership to prioritize bipartisan infrastructure legislation and supports funding for USDA's Rural Utilities Service to invest in infrastructure improvements in rural communities.

IMPROVING HEALTH CARE IN RURAL NEW YORK

All New Yorkers need access to quality, affordable health care, no matter their zip code. Congressman Brindisi is working to cut burdensome taxes, like the health insurance tax and the Cadillac Tax, to make health care more affordable for hardworking families. Congressman Brindisi is also working to address health challenges found in rural areas including combating the opioid epidemic and ensuring farmers have the critical mental health resources they need.